REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2008.

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, specifically, the connection plate and the mounting element. The drawings were further objected to for not showing Fig. 5 or for including reference numerals 58, 46, 49, and 52. Claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Pub. No. US 2003/0127920 to Yamazaki et al. Claims 2-4, 10, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al. Claims 5-7, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,081,054 to Kashihara et al.

In the present amendment, the specification was amended to delete the description relating to original Fig. 5, which has been intentionally omitted. New Figs. 5 and 6 have been added to show the elements noted in the objections to the drawings raised in the Office Action. No new matter has been added, since these features were disclosed in the original application.

In addition, the discrepancies with regard to the reference numerals noted in the Office Action have been corrected.

To more clearly define the invention over the cited references, claim 1 has been amended to add the features of claim 2, which was canceled.

While in the cited reference to Yamazaki shows in Fig. 4, for example, the long bolt 136 is arranged between the brushes 121 and the second through opening (mounting projections 138) (see also Fig. 3, housing 104 right), the arrangement of the first through opening leads to the fact that this would lead to an obstruction on the underside of the cooling body (heat sink 127) and thus to a rerouting of the cooling air. With this rerouting of the cooling air, the regulator would be cooled less effectively.

In contrast, the arrangement as defined in amended claim 1 provides that through the relative wide placement of the two through openings 34, 37, the cooling in the area of the regulating body 28 is impaired much less than in Yamazaki.

As can be seen in Fig. 4, a known part of the regulating cooling body 127 lies between the center point of the generator shaft (brushes 121) and the fastening means 136. This arrangement results in less cooling air flowing into this region of the regulating cooling body 127 and thus the regulator 120 is cooled less effectively.

Amended claim 1 therefore is not anticipated by nor rendered obvious over this reference.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would

very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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